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January Jobless Rates Increase Seasonally in All of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonal job cuts pushed unadjusted unemployment rates upward in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in January, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels fell in nearly all of regions in January.

"Michigan's local labor markets recorded relatively typical changes in January, with seasonal job cuts in nearly all industry sectors," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "However, for the third consecutive year, seasonal layoffs in manufacturing were far less evident as auto companies and suppliers maintained production schedules."

From December to January, unemployment rate increases ranged from 0.2 of a percentage point to 1.3 percentage points, with a median advance of 0.6 of a percentage point. The largest over-the-month rate hikes were posted in the Northeast Lower Michigan region and the Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with advances of 1.3 and 1.1 percentage points respectively. On the lower side of rate gains over the month, unemployment rates edged upward by only 0.2 of a percentage point in the Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids-Wyoming, and Kalamazoo-Portage MSAs. In January, six Michigan regions displayed jobless rates below the national seasonally unadjusted rate of 8.8 percent.

Jobless Rates Down Over Year

From January 2011 to January 2012, unemployment rates fell in all 17 of Michigan's major labor market areas. Over-the-year rate drops ranged from 1.2 to 2.8 percentage points with a median reduction of 2.0 percentage points. The most pronounced rate declines since January 2011 were recorded in the Monroe, Flint, and Jackson MSAs.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Mixed Over Year

Over the month, total employment declined seasonally in 16 regions, with a median reduction of 2.5 percent. Decreases were most evident in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions, along with the Monroe MSA. Employment edged up slightly by 0.1 percent in January in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA.

Since January 2011, total employment declined in nine areas, and rose in eight areas.

Note: Employment, unemployment and industry job data for all 12 months of 2011 have been recently revised. Estimates for January 2012 are not comparable to previously released data. For newly revised 2011 estimates, go to www.michigan.gov/lmi or call 313-456-3090.

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Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Year

In January, labor force levels declined seasonally in 16 regions, and edged upward in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA. Decreases averaged about 2.0 percent.

Between January 2011 and January 2012, labor force levels fell in 15 regions with a relatively significant median workforce reduction of nearly 2.0 percent. The labor force levels in both the Holland-Grand Haven and Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSAs rose over the year.

Payroll Jobs Down Seasonally in January, But Up Over the Year

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 102,000 or 2.6 percent in January to 3,880,000. Seasonal job cuts were reported in nearly all of the state's industry sectors in January. Leading the drops were trade, transportation and utilities (-27,000), professional and business services (-19,000), government (-14,000), construction (-12,000), and education and health services (-12,000).

Payroll jobs fell in all of Michigan's 14 metropolitan areas in January, with an average decline of 2.2 percent. Construction and retail trade jobs were down in all areas over the month. Jobs in retail trade fell statewide by 21,000 in January as merchants reduced employment following seasonal hiring for the holiday season.

From January 2011 to January 2012, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs advanced statewide by 48,000 or 1.3 percent. Over-the-year job gains were recorded in manufacturing (+26,000), professional and business services (+13,000), education and health services (+9,000), and trade, transportation and utilities (+9,000). Most other industry sectors were stable over the year with the exception of government (-12,000).

Since January 2011, 12 of Michigan's 14 major metropolitan regions displayed payroll job gains, with an average increase of 2.0 percent. The largest percentage job gains over the year were recorded in the Holland-Grand Haven and Bay City MSAs. Payroll jobs in the Monroe and Kalamazoo-Portage MSAs edged down over the year.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

Eighty of Michigan's 83 counties recorded seasonal unemployment rate increases in January, with a moderate median advance of 0.8 of a percentage point. In January, 16 counties in Michigan reported jobless rates below the U.S. seasonally unadjusted rate of 8.8 percent.

From January 2011 to January 2012, unemployment rates fell in all Michigan counties. The median rate drop over the year was nearly 2.0 percentage points.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.*

A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted January workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for January.

Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

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	<u>Jan-11</u>	<u>Dec-11</u>	<u>Jan-12</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	178,500	181,200	176,300	-2.7%	-1.2%
Total Employment	166,400	171,400	166,500	-2.9%	0.1%
Unemployment	12,100	9,800	9,800	0.0%	-19.0%
Rate (percent)	6.8	5.4	5.6		

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	<u>Jan-11</u>	<u>Dec-11</u>	<u>Jan-12</u>	% change month	% change year
BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	64,200	63,700	62,200	-2.4%	-3.1%
Total Employment	57,800	58,800	57,300	-2.6%	-0.9%
Unemployment	6,400	4,800	4,900	2.1%	-23.4%
Rate (percent)	10.0	7.6	7.9		

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	<u>Jan-11</u>	<u>Dec-11</u>	<u>Jan-12</u>	% change month	% change year
BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	51,500	51,600	51,300	-0.6%	-0.4%
Total Employment	45,700	47,200	46,500	-1.5%	1.8%
Unemployment	5,800	4,400	4,800	9.1%	-17.2%
Rate (percent)	11.3	8.5	9.3		

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DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,000	1,997	2,023	1.3%	1.2%
Total Employment	1,748	1,803	1,805	0.1%	3.3%
Unemployment	252	194	217	11.9%	-13.9%
Rate (percent)	12.6	9.7	10.8		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	184,800	185,500	181,200	-2.3%	-1.9%
Total Employment	161,600	168,000	163,100	-2.9%	0.9%
Unemployment	23,200	17,600	18,100	2.8%	-22.0%
Rate (percent)	12.6	9.5	10.0		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA					
(Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	377,100	379,200	373,500	-1.5%	-1.0%
Total Employment	341,800	352,000	345,700	-1.8%	1.1%
Unemployment	35,400	27,100	27,800	2.6%	-21.5%
Rate (percent)	9.4	7.2	7.4		

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HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA					
(Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	125,600	129,400	127,400	-1.5%	1.4%
Total Employment	113,400	120,300	118,000	-1.9%	4.1%
Unemployment	12,200	9,100	9,400	3.3%	-23.0%
Rate (percent)	9.7	7.0	7.4		

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JACKSON MSA					
(Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	70,700	71,000	69,800	-1.7%	-1.3%
Total Employment	62,600	64,900	63,500	-2.2%	1.4%
Unemployment	8,100	6,100	6,300	3.3%	-22.2%
Rate (percent)	11.4	8.6	9.0		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA					
(Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	161,400	157,300	156,300	-0.6%	-3.2%
Total Employment	145,200	144,800	143,500	-0.9%	-1.2%
Unemployment	16,200	12,500	12,800	2.4%	-21.0%
Rate (percent)	10.0	8.0	8.2		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA					
(Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	234,800	235,500	230,600	-2.1%	-1.8%
Total Employment	213,900	218,900	213,500	-2.5%	-0.2%
Unemployment	20,900	16,600	17,100	3.0%	-18.2%
Rate (percent)	8.9	7.0	7.4		

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MONROE MSA					
(Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	68,900	67,600	65,600	-3.0%	-4.8%
Total Employment	60,800	61,900	59,700	-3.6%	-1.8%
Unemployment	8,100	5,700	5,900	3.5%	-27.2%
Rate (percent)	11.8	8.4	9.0		

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MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA					
(Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	80,900	82,200	80,600	-1.9%	-0.4%
Total Employment	71,500	74,900	72,900	-2.7%	2.0%
Unemployment	9,500	7,300	7,700	5.5%	-18.9%
Rate (percent)	11.7	8.8	9.5		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA					
(Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,000	71,800	70,100	-2.4%	-2.6%
Total Employment	63,400	65,100	63,100	-3.1%	-0.5%
Unemployment	8,600	6,700	7,000	4.5%	-18.6%
Rate (percent)	11.9	9.3	10.0		

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SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA					
(Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	90,000	89,600	88,100	-1.7%	-2.1%
Total Employment	80,100	81,900	79,900	-2.4%	-0.2%
Unemployment	9,900	7,700	8,200	6.5%	-17.2%
Rate (percent)	11.0	8.6	9.3		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA					
(15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	147,800	144,300	143,000	-0.9%	-3.2%
Total Employment	130,000	130,300	128,000	-1.8%	-1.5%
Unemployment	17,900	13,900	15,000	7.9%	-16.2%
Rate (percent)	12.1	9.7	10.5		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	84,600	82,800	80,900	-2.3%	-4.4%
Total Employment	71,200	72,500	69,800	-3.7%	-2.0%
Unemployment	13,400	10,300	11,200	8.7%	-16.4%
Rate (percent)	15.8	12.5	13.8		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	141,900	140,200	136,600	-2.6%	-3.7%
Total Employment	122,300	124,900	120,400	-3.6%	-1.6%
Unemployment	19,600	15,300	16,100	5.2%	-17.9%
Rate (percent)	13.8	10.9	11.8		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,627	4,617	4,594	-0.5%	-0.7%
Total Employment	4,088	4,204	4,146	-1.4%	1.4%
Unemployment	538	414	447	8.0%	-16.9%
Rate (percent)	11.6	9.0	9.7		

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2012 and 2011, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** January 2012 unemployment rate for Michigan (9.0 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JANUARY 2012

1	Washtenaw County	5.6	43	Kalkaska County	10.7
2	Clinton County	6.6	44	Macomb County	10.7
3	Isabella County	6.8	45	Tuscola County	11.2
4	Barry County	6.9	46	Van Buren County	11.4
5	Eaton County	6.9	47	Mason County	11.7
6	Kent County	7.0	48	Crawford County	11.8
7	Kalamazoo County	7.3	49	Osceola County	11.8
8	Ottawa County	7.4	50	Wayne County	11.8
9	Midland County	7.5	51	Sanilac County	11.9
10	Menominee County	7.7	52	Montcalm County	12.0
11	Ingham County	7.8	53	Manistee County	12.1
12	Calhoun County	7.9	54	Ogemaw County	12.1
13	Allegan County	8.2	55	Chippewa County	12.2
14	Cass County	8.4	56	Luce County	12.3
15	Dickinson County	8.4	57	Otsego County	12.3
16	Marquette County	8.4	58	Alger County	12.7
17	Jackson County	9.0	59	Antrim County	12.7
18	Monroe County	9.0	60	Missaukee County	12.9
19	Oakland County	9.0	61	Keweenaw County	13.0
20	Livingston County	9.1	62	Clare County	13.1
21	Houghton County	9.2	63	Roscommon County	13.1
22	Bay County	9.3	64	Wexford County	13.1
23	Saginaw County	9.3	65	Charlevoix County	13.3
24	Muskegon County	9.5	66	Lake County	13.6
25	Branch County	9.6	67	St. Clair County	13.6

26	Leelanau County	9.6	68	Benzie County	13.8
27	Grand Traverse County	9.7	69	Lapeer County	13.9
28	Ionia County	9.8	70	Iosco County	14.0
29	Lenawee County	9.8	71	Alcona County	14.1
30	St. Joseph County	9.8	72	Arenac County	14.4
31	Huron County	9.9	73	Gladwin County	14.4
32	Berrien County	10.0	74	Oceana County	14.5
33	Genesee County	10.0	75	Schoolcraft County	14.5
34	Iron County	10.0	76	Emmet County	14.9
35	Hillsdale County	10.4	77	Ontonagon County	14.9
36	Newaygo County	10.4	78	Cheboygan County	16.6
37	Gogebic County	10.5	79	Oscoda County	18.0
38	Mecosta County	10.5	80	Baraga County	18.9
39	Shiawassee County	10.5	81	Presque Isle County	19.1
40	Delta County	10.6	82	Montmorency County	19.2
41	Gratiot County	10.6	83	Mackinac County	22.9
42	Alpena County	10.7			

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